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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMITE--APRIL 8, 1977

A) STATE 75476 B) USUN 1061

1. SUMMARY. LEGAL SUBCOMITE (LSC) CONCLUDED ITS 1977 SESSION WITH ADOPTION OF FINAL REPORT. US MADE STATEMENT SUPPORTING FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS REGARDLESS OF NATIONAL FRONTIERS, AND INTRODUCED RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF AMBASSADOR WYZNER ON HIS 10TH ANNIVERSARY AS LSC CHAIRMAN. END SUMMARY.

2. FINAL MEETING OF THE LSC ON APRIL 8 WAS CHIEFLY CONCERNED WITH EDITORIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE DRAFT REPORT ON THE SIXTEENTH SESSION. FRANCE INSERTED LANGUAGE REFLECTING ITS VIEW THAT THE DEFINITION/DELIMITATION ITEM MIGHT BE PURSUED ON BASIS OF FORMULATING COMMON VIEWS AND PROVISIONAL DEFINITIONAL CRITERIA. BRAZIL AND KENYA SUGGESTED LANGUAGE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PARENT COMITE MIGHT CONSIDER THE MATTER WITH A VIEW TO HARMONIZING ITS SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS. REPORT WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.
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3. US (HOSENBALL) OFFERED DRAFT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAIRMANSHIP OF AMBASSADOR WYZNER (POLAND), WHICH RECEIVED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AND WAS ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION. US ALSO ADDED TO LSC REPORT A SENTENCE TAKING NOTE OF THE FIFTEEN YEARS SERVICE OF LSC SECRETARY, MISS KWEN CHEN OF UN LEGAL OFFICE, UPON

HER DEPARTURE FROM THE SECRETARY'S POST.

4. US (SCHAEFER) DELIVERED STATEMENT PER REFTEL A) REITERATING US SUPPORT FOR THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION UNRESTRICTED BY NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. REITERATED US OPPOSITION TO A PRIOR CONSENT REGIME FOR DBS, WHICH "WOULD VIOLATE THE RIGHT, AFFIRMED IN ARTICLE 19 OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, TO SEEK, RECEIVE AND IMPART INFORMATION AND IDEAS THROUGH ANY MEDIA AND REGARDLESS OF FRONTIERS". STATEMENT LINKED FREE FLOW IN REMOTE SENSING TO OBLIGATIONS SET FORTH IN ARTICLE XI OF 1967 OUTER SPACE TREATY, AND POINTED TO THE MANY SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL BENEFITS A NON-RESTRICTIVE APPROACH COULD HAVE IN BOTH DBS AND REMOTE SENSING. THE STATEMENT CLOSED WITH POINT THAT "THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION MUST NOT BE UNDERMINED IN ANY WAY BY THE PRINCIPLES WE ARE SEEKING TO DEVELOP IN THIS LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE, WHETHER IT BE WITH RESPECT TO DIRECT BROADCASTING FROM SATELLITES, TO REMOTE SENSING OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE EARTH, OR TO ANY OTHER FUTURE SUBJECT OF OUR DELIBERATION".

5. MONGOLIA OFFERED ONLY OTHER SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENT, REGRETTING THE NEGATIVE POSITION OF THOSE DELS WHICH OPPOSED APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLE OF PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES AND INFORMATION. MONGOLIAN DEL EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CONTENT OF THE DRAFT POSSIBLE (REFTEL B) WOULD FIND ITS PLACE AMONG FINAL DBS PRINCIPLES. USSR MADE BRIEF AND NONSUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO US UNCLASSIFIED

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STATEMENT, EMPHASIZING THE INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER OF DBS AND REMOTE SENSING ACTIVITIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL OBLIGATIONS OF COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING IN OUTER SPACE MATTERS.

6. SESSION CONCLUDED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS REGIONAL GROUPS EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR CHAIRMAN WYZNER'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF LSC DURING A BUSY SESSION.

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